

10 January 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

**SUBJECT: Study of Possible Soviet Testing Ranges
for the IRBM and ICBM**

1. The United States Intelligence Committee (USIC) at its meeting on 4 January 1957 endorsed certain criteria to govern a study of possible Soviet testing ranges for the ICBM and IRBM. These criteria are attached hereto.
2. USIC further requested the CIA to prepare a test range study for USIC consideration as a matter of priority.
3. Although the criteria for the study were largely supplied by CIA, the Air Force also furnished USIC with certain information and suggestions which are also attached hereto.
4. Informal contacts with members of your staff indicate that such a study could be prepared in a matter of approximately two to three months. It is, therefore, requested that your office engage this problem as a matter of priority in consonance with the National Intelligence Objectives.
5. The Air Force has indicated their desire to have their papers returned when their usefulness has been exhausted.

CIA Member, CHIC

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